

New Mexico - Grants Field Office
FY 2003 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating ____ Final Rating ____

1. Plants - Potential Points 120

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment.		Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
Rangelands:	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent		%	+ + =	%	120		
	Ecological SI of 51-75 with upward trend		%	+ + =	%	100		
	Site SI of 51-75 with downward trend		%	+ + =	%	80		
	Similarity SI of 26-50 with upward trend		%	+ + =	%	60		
	Index SI of 26-50 with downward trend		%	+ + =	%	40		
	(SI)* SI of 0-25 with upward trend		%	+ + =	%	20		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend		%	+ + =	%	0		
Riparian	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark:	%	% Quality After:	%	120		
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark:	%	% Quality After:	%	120		
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Section - Potential Points 233

Practices used in this section of the ranking criteria, and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations, must be cost shared. Higher priority (value) is given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Practices in this section are grouped, one or all practices may be used.						Potential Points	Percent of Need - To be installed	Points - After
Soil Erosion								
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)						18		
EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES: 410,342,362 (3 PTS. EA.)						9		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 314,342,382,550 (2 PTS. EA.)						8		
Water Quality								
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)						18		
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - INTERMITTENT: 378,521A,521C,521F,636 (1 PT. EA.)						5		
EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES: 410,342,362 (3 PTS. EA.)						9		
RIPARIAN AREA ENHANCEMENT PRACTICES: 382,580,392,584,657 (2 PTS. EA.)						10		
Air								
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)						18		
EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES: 410,342,362 (3 PTS. EA.)						9		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 314,342,382,550 (2 PTS. EA.)						8		
Plants								
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)						18		
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ANIMALS			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)		18	
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - INTERMITTENT: 378,521A,521C,521F,636 (1 PT. EA.)		5	
WILDLIFE PRACTICES: 612,657,648,650,441,380 (2 PTS. EA.)		12	
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 314,342,382,550 (2 PTS. EA.)		8	
RIPARIAN AREA ENHANCEMENT PRACTICES: 382,580,392,584,657 (2 PTS. EA.)		10	
WATER QUANTITY			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)		18	
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - INTERMITTENT: 378,521A,521C,521F,636 (1 PT. EA.)		5	
2. Conservation Practices Section		Total:	
3. Livestock Grazing - Potential Points 25		Potential Points	Benchmark Points
After Points			
Livestock grazing and days of rest during growing season. Growing season for cool season and warm season species will be from April 1 to October 1. (184 days)			
A. Pastures will be rested from livestock grazing for >70% of days during growing season.		25	
B. Pastures will be rested from livestock grazing for 40 to 70% of days during growing season.		15	
C. Pastures will be rested from livestock grazing for <40% of days during growing season and help create an upward trend in rangeland health and desirable species vigor.		5	
3. Livestock Grazing Section		Total:	
4. Other Considerations - Potential Points 30			
	Potential Points		After Points
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	10		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	10		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project. Or land is within a sec. 319 project area.	5		
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	5		
3. Other Considerations			
		Total:	
Designated Conservationist		Date	
Producers		Date	